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entitled "Thinking Through." Evangelism is broadly conceived as the entire reproductive process of the Christian organism. Therefore it is varied and vital and a constant accompaniment of the living church. The author's practical suggestions seem to have come from a real experience with practical church work. He is thoroughly acquainted with the literature of the subject. The greater part of the material is well known, but it is clearly presented and well arranged. The average layman would be stimulated to keener interest in church work by this book.

O. S. D.

ROBERTSON, A. T. *Making Good in the Ministry*. New York: Revell, 1918. 174 pages. \$1.00.

Taking the scant material in the New Testament which refers to John Mark, Professor Robertson sketches the characteristics of a worthy Christian minister. The volume is interesting from the standpoint of New Testament criticism or of pastoral theology (if a post-war curriculum is to endure such a term). John Mark (Acts 12:12) is Peter's son and interpreter (I Pet. 5:13) and the author of the Second Gospel, in which he "used his recollections of Peter's preaching as the chief basis of the book." He used other sources, however. He finally won Paul's praise and affection. On the background of this history Professor Robertson presents an attractive sketch of what the true Christian minister must be. It is a high ideal and worthy of the most earnest endeavor of the modern man.

O. S. D.

STEVEN, GEORGE. *The Warp and the Woof*. New York: Doran, 1918. xvi+289 pages. \$1.50.

In twenty-two chapters the author describes the development of a Christian soul, following the three divisions of intellect, feelings, and will. The author attempts to handle the matter according to the actual situations in which living Christian men and women find themselves. In the chapter "A Religion of the Will" we have a clear statement of the place of positive, courageous action in the Christian life. The experiences of the war and the life of Jesus are used to illustrate this aspect of the Christian religion. The study is happy and healthy throughout. Dr. Steven finds that life binds the normal soul to God rather than separating it from him. For a book that escapes the subtleties of rapt mysticism on the one hand and the dreary intricacies of laboratory psychology on the other, this is commendable. Especially valuable is the chapter entitled "Christianity a Religion of Joy."

O. S. D.

COFFIN, HENRY SLOANE. *In a Day of Social Rebuilding*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1918. 212 pages. \$1.00.

A wise selection was made when Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, minister in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and associate professor in the Union Theological Seminary, was chosen to give the forty-fourth series of the Lyman Beecher Lectureship on Preaching in Yale University. The lectures are now published under this interesting title. They are eight in number. The first is a frank discussion of the function of the church in modern life; the second, of the essential ministry of reconciliation; the third, of the task of evangelism; the fourth, of worship; the fifth, of teaching; the sixth, of

organization; the seventh, of friendship; the last, of ministers for the day. One is aware that the lecturer is a preacher; the sermon form appears throughout in the presentation of the material. The note of real experience with the problems discussed sounds consistently. Dr. Coffin faces the living issues of the day fearlessly. The chapter on evangelism is especially clear. Note this: "An evangelism which occasionally imports a spiritual expert to win people from a dead world to a scarcely living church adds little to the Kingdom of God." Dr. Coffin insists that the whole task of the church is clearly defined; it is to make men followers of Jesus Christ. The range of discipleship must embrace the whole of life. These lectures contain the finest ideals of the modern ministry, expressed in clear and beautiful style, with the urgency of deep passion behind them and the temper of the true prophet charging them from first to last.

O. S. D.

MURRAY, J. LOVELL. *The Call of a World Task in War Time*. New York: Student Volunteer Movement, 1918. 214 pages. \$0.60.

This book is a brief outline of the missionary tasks and problems of the Christian church as they have been affected by the war. It was obviously written before the end of the war was anywhere in sight and finds its relation to the great conflict more in immediate illustrations of missionary needs and opportunities and in appeals for religious devotion and sacrifice that shall match those of patriotism than in a more fundamental study of the deeper causes of the war and the relation of the missionary enterprise to their removal or of its peculiar possibilities in the years after the war. The Preface states frankly that the book was prepared within a month to meet the urgent need of a textbook for a mission-study campaign in the colleges. Within the limitations of material and method inevitable under such conditions of hasty preparation, the book marshals facts and arguments that have played no small part in bringing about the recent missionary advances in all the churches. The fact that its appeal is very definitely to those who are already interested in missions, or who at least realize that they ought to be interested, makes one hope that we may some day have a more thoroughgoing interpretation of the intimate connection between the missionary enterprise and the international ideals for which America entered the war—a book that shall win new converts for the missionary cause among those who still think they "do not believe in foreign missions."

C. W. G.

SPEER, ROBERT E. *The Christian Man, the Church, and the War*. New York: Macmillan, 1918. 105 pages. \$0.60.

Few of our American religious leaders have learned more from the war than Dr. Robert E. Speer, or will have such a hearing for the new emphases which it has brought into their message. In the three chapters of this little book Dr. Speer gathers up his convictions on some of the moot points which the war has raised for Christian men. The first justifies America's participation in the war as against the extreme pacifist position, in a way that must have brought help to many honestly perplexed Christians. The second examines the true and permanent functions of the church in human society, as the war has made them plain. The third drives home the indispensable part of